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## THE KORESHAN UNIVERSOLOGY.

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in his perfection and power is the God-Man or the Man-God, the Seed of universal perpetuity. Jesus the Christ was God Almighty; the Holy Spirit was the product of his transmutation, or the burning of his body.

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# The Flaming Sword

*"And He placed at the East of the garden of Eden cherubim and a Flaming Sword, which turned every way to keep the Way of the Tree of Life."*

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## Who is The Prince of This World?

The Mistaken View of Modern Christians on the Subject; Evidences Proving That the Prince is None Other Than Jesus the Christ.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF KORESH.

**WE** HAVE PROPOUNDED the question, "Who is the Prince of this world?" to clergymen and laymen of every Christian denomination, including Swedenborgians; and the invariable answer is, "the devil." Suppose we examine this question from the position of illumination, afforded by the light of the scientific and rational understanding, and in the doctrine drawn from the literal degree of the Word. By the literal degree of the Word we mean everything that the Word, the Lord, has expressed in the universe of material things.

First, what are we to understand by "this world"? So far as the Scriptural passage referred to is concerned, "this world" embraces the church as pertaining to the age or dispensation to which the passage alludes, or as implied by the Lord's words. What age or world was the Lord referring to when he said, "The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me;" for this is one of the passages upon which the church bases its belief that the Prince of this world is the devil. The Greek word employed is *kosmos*. *Kosmos* means, strictly, the order or arrangement of the dispensation or age. In Scripture it is seldom that in any passage wherein "world," rendered either from *kosmos* or *aion*, is employed, the physical world is meant. The world was destroyed by a flood of waters. It is very evident that the physical earth remained and was not destroyed.

The world (*kosmos*, order) of human existence will be destroyed by fire, according to the same Scriptures. If the flood was a literal one, and by waters were meant the natural waters of the physical world, then the fire no doubt would be of the corresponding kind; that is, fire

of the physical substances of combustion. We announce that in the statement of the Lord, wherein he declared that he came to kindle a fire ("and what will I if that fire be already kindled,") reference was made to the conflagration which should burn up the world at the end of the Christian age. There are two kinds of fire burning in the souls and bodies of men. One is the fire of divine love; the other is the fire of sensual lust. One is the fire that keeps alive the powers of righteousness in every domain of activity; the other is the fire of hell which results in the corruptible burnings of human sensualisms.

Truth is typified in the symbolic language as waters, they constituting the symbol or type of truth. Fallacy, in the opposite sense, is also signified by water. "I John stood upon the sands of the sea, and I saw a beast rise up out of the sea." John did not comprehend the symbol, and the angel said unto him, "The waters that thou sawest are multitudes, peoples, nations, and tongues." May it not be that the waters which deluged the earth were also multitudes, peoples, nations, and tongues who inundated the earth with their fallacies, and by which the church became destroyed as to genuineness of doctrine? May it not also be that the fire which the Lord came to kindle shall be the result of the suppression of the tide of sensualism by the power of divine love operating in the womanhood of this age, in whom the determination arises to keep inviolate the sanctuary of reproductive life, thus obstructing the tendencies of sensualism until, in their cumulative propensity they consume, by a literal combustion, the very bodies in which the fires of sensualism now rage? The



physical world is a type or figure of the anthropotic (the world of human life), and the world to be destroyed by fire is the world in which human lust rages; the lust constituting the flame by which the sensual conflagration occurs.

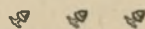
"This world" has regard to the church—specifically, its time or duration, when the word *aion* is employed; its order, when the word *kosmos* is employed. Every age or dispensation has its own order or system of activity and use. The Noatic age had the Noatic kosmos or order; the Jewish age, another order; and the Christian age, still a distinct kosmos (world)—each *aion* (age) being a distinct world from either the preceding or succeeding age. "This world," according to the foregoing, signified either the age then terminating or the age to follow. The dispensation, marked by the sign Aries passing through the constellation Aries, ended at the destruction of Jerusalem. The dispensations or ages overlap. The Christian dispensation began with the birth of Jesus, but the Jewish dispensation did not terminate till the destruction of Jerusalem. This was an overlapping of about seventy years.

Jesus said, "The Prince of this world cometh and hath nothing in me." The Prince of this world, Jesus, the Christ of God, "cometh" (came)—that is, the Prince of life was crucified and died on the cross. How much did the Prince of life have in the Christ while the Prince of life was dead on the cross? Nothing. The Prince of the world, the Prince of life, came and had no life when dead upon the cross. This is a rational interpretation; the other is irrational. When he, the Prince of this world, shall come he will reprove the world of sin, of righteousness, and of judgment. Here are three reproofs. One is a reproof for sin. Does it look reasonable that the devil will reprove the world because of sin? It was said, "of sin,"—"because ye believe not on me." When the Prince of this world comes he will reprove the world for its unbelief in Jesus Christ. He will reprove the world for righteousness because, said he, "I go to the Father."

It may seem at first sight a little difficult to reconcile this second reproof with the belief that Jesus the Christ is the Prince of this world. How should Jesus reprove the world for righteousness? The world must have performed a righteous act for which it stands reprov'd. What was that righteous act? The reason given by the Lord was, "because I go to the Father." If we can discover by what process he was sent to the Father we may be able to interpret this second reproof. He was sent to the Father by the judgment of the tribunal which condemned him to crucifixion. His crucifixion was involved in the law of immortal life, and was in him a righteous fulfilment of that for which he came into the world—namely, its redemption, hence it was righteousness on his part, but a diabolical act on the part of those who killed him. They were therefore to

be reprov'd for righteousness when the Prince of this world cometh.

The world was also to be reprov'd for judgment. Why? Because the Prince of this world is judged. Who judged the Prince of this world? Jesus was arrested, taken before a tribunal; he was judged and condemned to death as a malefactor. For judgment, then, this world was to be reprov'd. Jesus said, "Now is your hour and the power of darkness." The darkness was in power, while the light shining in darkness could not be comprehended. "Now is the Prince of this world judged." If it were the hour and power of darkness it is most reasonable to suppose that darkness would exercise its power to bring to judgment and to execution the Prince of this world. It is unmistakably evident that the Prince of this world is the Lord Jesus Christ, and not the devil as maintained by the orthodox church. Jesus came to save this world and to set up a kingdom of righteousness in the earth. Ought He not to be the Prince of the world he came to save?



#### IMMANUEL OR GOD WITH US.

The Processes and Progress of the Spirit of Liberty in Relation to the Church of the Age.

FROM THE WRITINGS OF KORESH.

THE SPECIAL IMPULSION from the old world into the new, which has given character to the United States Government, and has had more to do with shaping the destiny of this nation than any other, was the religious persecution by the Papal church. No man who lays any claim whatsoever to a knowledge of the ecclesiastical and secular history of Europe for the past four hundred years, can deny the fact that the bias or trend of the human mind towards the degree of liberty which we have attained, has been shapen through human purpose to emancipate itself from the thralldom of priestcraft and clerical jugglery, which for twelve hundred years dominated the affairs of men.

A careful examination into the real animus and progress of what the new world calls liberty, will reveal the fact that not so much is due to the Protestant church, even for the right we possess to direct the destiny of the human soul and give it amplitude of scope in which to expand its powers of flight into the realm of prescient circumspection, that, by reason it might find out God—a discovery left to the untrammelled and progressive intellect of the ripening age—as to the infidel and irreligious but perhaps moral, de-termination of human thought. Since the so called Reformation, when the onward march of the religious nature sought to divest itself of the authority of misguided and misleading ecclesiasticism, there sprang also (apparently from the same tree, having its origin in the same root,) another phase of progressive effort;



and while both struggled for delivery, the birth brought forth, not religious liberty, but another phase of religious persecution; and the salvation of secular liberty was not in the hand of the church, but in the hand of the infidel, who was ever to be found in the van of scientific, not religious research.

Step by step, the various phases of so called science and political economy, have fought their way against the opposition of the church; and step by step, the church of so called inspiration has been compelled to yield its interpretations of Nature and Scripture to the march of intellect and reason. The intellect may be as cold as the church has been cruel, and the reason may have been founded upon an utterly false premise; yet notwithstanding this, the church has adopted the conclusion of the infidel and the atheist because, with all its pretended inspiration, modern reason has fought its battle and is victorious over church in the conflict.

The church fought its battle for supremacy in Europe, and lost the fight. It will rally for another conflict, one on this continent—and it will meet defeat here also. From the final contest there will arise another faith, founded upon another exposition of the cosmic function and form; and in this new manifestation and truly progressive order born of liberty, religion and science will again walk hand in hand; and reconciliation, replete with God's fulness, will acclaim the redundant glorification of the approaching jubilee.

Let antagonistic sects and religions fight their battles, while each one struggles for supremacy; let political parties contend for political preferment and the spoils of office; let "capital and labor" compete for the loaves and fishes of the competitive system of activity; let "nationalism," with all the other forms and manifestations of atheism, attempt organic unity; but above all let the world give way for the Rider on the "White Horse," upon whose vesture is written the name, "King of kings," and upon whose thigh is written, "Lord of lords;" for despite all opposition, this Rider will lead to victory and supremacy; and the universe will bow its knee to the Christ of God, the personal Immanuel—*God with us.*

With The Voice of Warning.

KORESH.

WE BEHOLD with prophetic prescience the coming retribution, and therefore lift the note of warning, both to the oppressor and the oppressed, who in the struggle for supremacy, constitute "Gog and Magog"—that is, the roof and floor of a conflict, the inevitable culmination of which will be the overthrow of both parties to the contest. There is but a single remedy to the evils now afflicting society—the eradication of selfishness; and this can only be insured through the fulfilment of the divine purpose to inaugurate the everlasting kingdom, to be ushered in through the coming overshadowing, and outpouring of the divine fire.

## New Century Studies and Reviews

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### THE IDENTITY OF LIGHT AND ELECTRICITY.

The Discovery Ascribed to its Author; Evidences of its Publication Long Before the Experiments With Radium.

THE ELECTRIC THEORY of matter is about three years old; but it is said that since it originated, another deduction has been made relative to the identity of light and electricity. The velocity of negative electrons as estimated, is 186,000 miles per second, the same as that of light. Here is presumptive evidence.

The theory of the identity of the two is not of so recent an origin as is supposed. It has been taught by DR. C. R. TEED, of Estero, Florida, ever since his first writings were published—and that is for the past thirty-five years. He has said in the most positive manner, that electricity is but another and a finer form of substance than light. Is he not entitled to the honor of leading the way? The celebrity of discovery has always been given to the first teacher of any new idea. Is it not due to DR. TEED in this case, when his printed works prove it? He is widely known as the Founder of a new city in Southern Florida, the largest ever started in America.

"Electricity and light are supposed to be the same," said Prof. Harrington in his lecture a few weeks ago, in a large audience hall of New York City. His discourse was received with enthusiasm, and was illustrated by a series of brilliant experiments performed by himself. Some of these showed the production of light in a manner to support the theory. It is Prof. Harrington's opinion that the spontaneous production of helium from radium, as asserted by English scientists, does not prove that the atom is destroyed. "I think it simply shows that radium is helium," was his reply to a question on the subject.

He does not consider that the electrical theory of matter is by any means proved, nor does he believe in any actual conversion of substance. "I do not believe we shall ever manufacture electricity," he said; "nor is it necessarily involved in the electric theory of matter. Friction merely separates positive and negative electrons, as the theory now stands."

The subject of the persistency of the atom is receiving great attention, on account of the discoveries made by members of the Royal Institution of London. The "Problems of Inorganic Chemistry" are discussed in the November issue of the *Popular Science Monthly*, by Sir Wm. Ramsay. After speaking of several interesting facts in connection with his discovery that helium is the product of the spontaneous change of radium emanations, the distinguished writer says:

"All these facts substantiate the theory devised by Rutherford and Soddy, that the radium atom is capable of disintegration, one of the products being a gas,



which itself undergoes further disintegration, forming helium as one of its products. Up till now, the sheet anchor of the chemists has been the atom. But the atom itself appears to be complex, and to be capable of decomposition. It is true that only in the case of a very few elements and these of high atomic weight, has this been proved. But even radium, the element which has by far the most rapid rate of disintegration, has a comparatively long life; the period of half-change of any given mass of radium is approximately 1,100 years." "If radium is continually disappearing, and would totally disappear in a very few thousand years, it follows that it must be reproduced from other substances at an equal rate."

This statement from the foremost English scientist is in confirmation of what DR. TEED published long before the discovery of radium. He saw by independent experiments in his laboratory, that the atom is actually disintegrated. He does not endorse the electric theory of matter. The term "decomposition of the atom," used by Sir Wm. Ramsay, certainly precludes the mere separation of the positive and negative electrons. It seems now as if students of chemistry would have to revise their text-books.

If Sir William Ramsay has used the right term in speaking of the decomposition of the atom, then it is proof positive that the theory propounded by the expositor of the principles of Koresban Science are sure to be received in the future. The students in the schools and colleges will be surprised by such a statement, concerning as it does, one of the most remarkable discoveries of the times. "The atom," as Sir William Ramsay has said, "is the sheet anchor of the chemist." It is now said to be destroyed, and with it the whole structure of modern chemistry will sink to the bottom. The discoverer of argon may be forced to yield in a question of precedence to an American physician, in case these facts established by Sir William's experiments are to be accepted.

#### Another Crime Against Civilization.

THE RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT has overstepped the bounds of humanity in imprisoning Maxime Gorky. From the bedside of his sick wife he has been hurried to the fortress of St. Petersburg. He is the writer especially in sympathy with the striking populace. Shall he be imprisoned for espousing the cause of those whom their emperor has not befriended? Who is going to settle these questions between the oppressed citizens of Russia and the hereditary lords, if not men of intellect? No matter what Mr. Gorky's position may be in respect to the literary world—whether he accept the traditions of the cult, or defy them in his writings, he is to be delivered from the hands of a great tyrannical power that hopes to crush by force.

These questions ought to be subjected to arbitration. Is not this the professed opinion of the Czar when such crises arrive outside his own dominions? Why should Russia herself be exempt in an especial

manner, from enforcing the principles so publicly advocated by the Czar? The strikers brought their grievances and put them before their sovereign, in order that he might arbitrate between them and their employers, as President Roosevelt arbitrated between the mine owners and their employes. Did the Czar accept their invitation? No, indeed! He soiled his name by ordering the military force to fire upon unarmed and unresisting men with their wives and children. Maxime Gorky is one of the men who are trying to uplift their fellow-countrymen, and for that reason he is entitled to the respect of those who are working toward the same end. His motives have never been impugned and therefore, those who are not in sympathy with the Russian government must expedite his release.

The Grand Duke Vladimir has said that the people of Russia are absolutely unfit for a constitution, and that none will be given. This shows in an unmistakable manner, what there is in store for the Russian hereditary noblemen in the Russian empire. They have spoken their own doom. Liberty, according to Maeterlinck, should be given even before those who demand it are fully ready for its use, since they will thereby be advancing toward the ideal. Liberty is not taken here in the sense of license, but in the sense of authorized freedom to expand in consonance with the laws of order.

There can be no liberty for any country without a constitution. How shall Russia cope with her insurgents? Give them the guaranty which they need, that their personal rights will be respected. The Magna Charta of England is the best foundation for a stable government that has been found in such events as these. Charles Stuart paid his price for trying to curtail the constitutional liberties of the people. Mob-law and violence are not right, but they show what is needed. They are inevitable if the privileges of the people are not recognized. Arbitration is one of these privileges, and it has been denied in Russia.

There were signs of the times in the demonstration last night in New York City, when about two thousand persons marched in protest to the Russian embassy and vociferated in behalf of justice toward Mr. Gorky. The present expression of opinion is due to an especial call from Berlin. The Federated Unions of America have been agitated by an appeal in favor of Mr. Gorky. They are advised to further the cause of Russian deliverance by every possible means, in order to secure his release. It is to America that the civilized world looks to see the cause of human justice furthered. It is in America that a special deliverance for the oppressed has been raised up in the mental world. It is the province of this paper to expound doctrines looking toward the establishment of a City founded upon stable principles that embody regard for the rights of all, with especial avoidance of those difficulties which ensue from the production of wealth by the people without a due participation in its benefits by the producers themselves.

America is not exempt from strikes. Even here, in the cradle of liberty, there have been scenes of violence.



There is a great autocracy of wealth in this country which may be as assertive in future as the autocracy of hereditary power. There is the same spirit known here which is expressed by the Grand Duke; and some American millionaires would not hesitate to fire upon a mob of strikers.

The suppression of the Russian author is to be expected until there has been an adjustment between the Czar and his subjects. The thoughtful consideration of these problems is a necessity if America would avoid similar difficulties. The friends of liberty should hasten the deliverance of the captives of civilization by setting civilization forward about five hundred years in a night. This is not an impossibility.

## Department of Astro-Biology

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### THE EQUATOR AND THE ZODIAC.

Significance of the Cardinal Points of the Compass; the Seven Belts of the Torrid Zone; the Culminating Conjunction.

THE FOUR CARDINAL points of the compass are, as the word suggests, the four hinges on which the entire cosmos swings; for as the central sun is the polar axis on which revolve the heavens, and which is at the same time the primary cause of their motion, so do these points represent two coördinated kinds of motion, which are related to corresponding functions in man.

The terrestrial and celestial spheres are divided into two dominal halves, which form respectively the roof and floor of the material and spiritual cosmic houses; the line of demarkation in the former case being the equator, and in the latter, the celestial Zodiac which defines the path of the sun in his annual revolution. The two dividing circles, however, do not lie in the same plane, for the Zodiac leans away from the terrestrial equator at an angle of  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ; and the two points where the circles intersect each other are Aries and Libra, the eastern and western points of the compass; Cancer and Capricorn corresponding to the north and south—being the points which lie at the greatest distance from the equator.

In this manner the domes become tilted in their relation to each other. This angle is known as declination, and the Zodiacal constellations each have their individual degrees of declination, which are determined by their distance from the celestial equator. Thus Aries and Libra have no degree of declination, while Cancer, which lies to the north, and Capricorn to the south, have  $23\frac{1}{2}^{\circ}$ ; the other eight constellations having a like proportion according to their distance north or south of the equator. The twelve Zodiacal constellations in this manner denote seven parallel lines of latitude on the earth's surface, which are coördinated with certain specific degrees of longitude. There was a tradition

extant among the ancients that at some period in the world's history, this angle of declination did not exist, and that the celestial heavens made a perfect tholiform revolution, in which the Zodiac revolved continuously in exact parallel to the terrestrial equator. It is this angle of declination which causes the inequalities of the seasons, the variations in the degrees of light and darkness, of heat and cold, to which the earth is subject, and of the corresponding vibrations which sway humanity today.

Now, latitude determines the degree of heat or cold, while longitude determines the degree of light or darkness; and the point of intersection formed by these two factors must determine the particular kind of energy that is being generated. Aries becomes the standard, because  $0^{\circ}$  of longitude intersects  $0^{\circ}$  of latitude—this on the earth's surface and relating to space, which has a corresponding relationship to time, determined by the revolution of the heavens. At the time when the heavenly Zodiac was parallel to the equator there was no declination, for the entire Zodiac lay along the line of nought degrees, and zero or Aries the head, became the standard that was operative throughout all the Zodiacal divisions, and light became a permanency; and in humanity, which has a correspondential relation to the Zodiac, perfection was attained in all the different functions and forms of the body, for the central parallel  $0^{\circ}$  intersected the twelve signs and the constellations; and as Aries or  $0^{\circ}$  signifies the head, and hence the standard of intellectual attainment, the light of the mind triumphed over the gross desires of the body.

Light and heat correspond respectively to the intellect and the affections, which can only come into antagonistic relationship to each other through the declination of the ecliptic—its parallel with the equator fixing permanently the degrees of light and heat, and begetting in humanity temperance and moderation, and in the physical world, diffusion of light and temperature. As Aries and Libra define this central and seventh parallel, we may term the duration of this time of equilibrium, the first day—and in order of space, the seventh. The term declination employed in astronomy to define the distance from the equator, signifies to bend down, to decay; and it necessarily follows that when the light of the sun is diffused throughout the entire body of the Zodiac, humanity as an organism, is at rest and free from the seeds of corruption that are generated by the powers of darkness when the light of the sun declines.

The sun in Aries signifies the begetting power of Deity; and he enters this constellation at the end of March, which is springtime when viewed from the northern hemisphere, and autumn from the southern; the spring of the antapites commencing with the sun in Libra, and in this manner the affectional and intellectual qualities have northern and southern aspects—the former corresponding to light and the intellect, and the latter to the affections. In the terrestrial signs, of course the reverse is operative. The sun in his precession has a year, whose seasons are marked by



coördinated degrees of declination. During his spring and summer, when he transits the south-western and south-eastern quarters, he describes the arc of light; during his passage through the north-eastern and north-western quarters, he dips below the horizon and commences the autumn and winter seasons.

The transit of the sun in Aries through Aquarius and Capricorn indicates the descent of the powers of generation to the pediments and the direction of the legs by the powers of the mind. His culmination with Capricorn signifies the inception of his descent through Sagittary and Scorpio, the loins and the lower organs of generation; in humanity this transit is coincidental with the first decline of humanity through the mortal channels of propagation, and with a corresponding ascent of Deity and a first separation of the solar and lunar spheres consequent on a declination of the ecliptic. His culmination with Cancer at the nadir is the descent of the Spirit into the womb of humanity, the impregnative power of Deity in the internals of the race, and conception therein of the nucleus of the new order.

As Aries on Capricorn signifies the separation of the solar and lunar spheres, the decline of the mass of humanity and the first withdrawal of the power of Deity from his ultimates in the earth—so does Aries on Cancer denote the time of the complete submergence and destruction of all outward semblance of Deific power, the inauguration of a final era of darkness, and the rule of the powers of evil in the earth. This, in the year of the sun's precession, is mid-winter, and it is punctuated by cataclysm, a word signifying a washing-down, and caused by a final declination of the ecliptic. From this point the sun commences his ascent toward the horizon, the solar and lunar spheres having reached their limit of separation; and the era of inclination is inaugurated, to find its outward culmination with the transit of Aries by Aries, and the rebirth of Horos, the Sun and Harbinger of Spring; and the ascent of the fallen Lucifer from the sides of the North.

## General Contributions

### SIMPLE LESSONS IN KORESHANITY.—NO. 12.

Easy Questions and Answers For Those Who Begin With the Fundamentals or ABC's of the System.

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**WHAT IS LIFE?** **ANS.**—Life is the persistent interaction of spirit and matter, having consciousness and producing motion. A great many definitions might be given to this interesting question, which might be qualifiedly true in a limited or partial sense. The above is an effort to answer the question in the absolute sense. It will be seen that absolute life is "persistent;" it never ends. It is eternal, without beginning or ending. It is self-sustaining. It involves the elements of its own perpetuity. By the application of the laws of

its being, it maintains eternal existence. The laws of its being are the fundamental laws underlying and governing all things.

**QUES.**—To what, then, can the term life in this sense, be applied? **ANS.**—The being called God is the only rightful claimant to this title—God, "who only hath immortality." Jesus said, "I am the resurrection and the life." "I am the Light of the world." We quote these Scriptures, not as proofs but as corroborative evidences.

**QUES.**—Where, then, is the proof? Is there any absolute proof of the existence and character of this being we call God? **ANS.**—There surely is. A knowledge of Nature leads to the answer of this question, surely and fully. Its reply leaves nothing more to be said. Nature when understood, is a demonstration of God.

**QUES.**—Why, then, is the world in darkness as to the character of God—even in doubt as to his existence? **ANS.**—Because the world is in darkness as to the character of Nature; it knows nothing of her fundamental laws.

**QUES.**—We see the manifestations of life on every hand. Nature teems with life. How, then, can you say that God only has life? **ANS.**—All things other than God, manifest a partial degree of life only; their life is of that quality that does not persist. Man in his present state does not manifest the divine life; he is in mortality, in death.

**QUES.**—What is Nature? **ANS.**—Nature is one great field of activity, a living drama, a pictorial representation in living symbols of its inner life. The two coördinating factors of life are spirit and matter, these being equally living, equally potent, equally essential and equally substantial. The outer is the living symbol of the inner. Nothing exists in Nature save as the visible *replica* of its invisible interior.

In this connection let us observe that Nature is the visible universe and all of its objective life. Each and everything in Nature connotes the character of the spirit actuating it. Hence you will see that each kingdom, each sphere of a kingdom in Nature, is an objective representation of the character of the corresponding spiritual kingdom and sphere that is interior to it. Therefore, by extending the thought you can see that God and the divine kingdom, when interior to humanity, can and must be studied through their living symbols. The character of Deity, therefore, may be read in Nature, and in Nature alone. Nature is the circumscribed field which reveals the character of God, for Nature is the ultimate, the outermost expression of the divine character, God being its Author.

**QUES.**—The Bible purports to be a revelation from God. Is this true? And if true, why can we not learn the facts concerning God from it? **ANS.**—It is true that the Bible was inspired by God, and the facts are there. The Bible is his biography, as it were, a narrative of the way in which he renews his animal life through humanity. It is written in the language of scientific symbolism, which we have just had under consideration. It is the verbal analogue of Nature, in



that it tells verbally what Nature expresses in symbol. Now you can see why you can make neither "heads nor tails" of the Bible unless you are first able to interpret Nature correctly; and you can understand why, in presenting Koreshan Science to the world, it was absolutely necessary to begin with the true cosmogony. This is also the reason why Moses (who was an embodiment of God) began his biography with a presentation of cosmogony.

QUES.—If "life is the persistent interaction of spirit and matter," and that nothing but God's life exhibits this persistence, because all other phases of life are partial and incomplete, hence, cannot persist—why does it persist in His case? ANS.—There is such a thing as *perfection*—perfection of coördinate form and function; both being equally perfect and in equilibrium, nothing being wasted, or rather all waste being utilized. The fundamental laws of being and existence provide for the continual maintenance of this equilibrium. These laws are at present unknown to the world. Humanity in this age is unequal to the task of reading these laws out of the Book of Nature. Koreshanity comes to declare these laws. To one who masters Koreshanity, Nature is an open book, her every page being luminous. Koreshanity reveals her most secret laws, and its mission is to proclaim her *arcana*. It links together logically, even axiomatically, all her parts—from God to our mother Earth. God is the positive pole of being; humanity, the negative pole of the same being. The central sun is the positive pole of physical existence; the earth's crust contains the negative elements of the same system of existence.

QUES.—Now, if all are interlinked, constituting a whole, what is the relation of the physical universe to God and humanity? ANS.—It is the relation of the womb to that which is gestated within the womb. In the perfect womb of the universe its product is gestated, which product is the seed of itself, capable of reproduction. This seed is the God-man. The intermediate planes of existence are degrees or stages in the process of gestation. The activities and relationships are reciprocal, as are those between all seed and the evolved products. The cycles of time measure the progress of the processes through which this wonderful universe works out its multitudinous wonders—the infinite manifestations of life, each having its definite meaning, each a symbol of its degree of life. Time has no other significance; it is for no other purpose; there is no time elsewhere. Space is within this universe; it is for no other purpose than to afford room for the manifestations of life. The kingdoms intervening between God and the physical universe constitute the ladder leading from the one to the other. Jacob saw this ladder in his vision.

QUES.—We have seen that the life of God is self-existent, persistent, eternal. Whence are the lesser degrees of life, intermittently persistent, manifesting in broken continuity? ANS.—They are all, in every phase and degree, derived from this central Source. The one perfect life is the fountain of all life.

QUES.—Is not this "pantheism?" ANS.—Not at all. Pantheism is a perversion of the truth, as are all other prevailing religions of the present. All religions in their origin were based upon some degree of truth, from which degree in time, the truth was lost, leaving naught else but verbiage and ceremonies. That is what is the matter with the Christian religion now. All the essential truths promulgated by its Founder have been perverted and finally lost, until now it is a system of paganism. According to pantheism, all is God, or the universe is God. All modern scientists who are in any sense theists, are pantheists. But God is not the universe; the universe is not God. God is the central intelligence or mind of the human universe, upon which the physical universe with its corresponding central luminary, is dependent. The two are so interdependent as to constitute one whole; God is the center from which the life principle of the whole radiates.

The God-man (God manifest in his own personal form) is this universal, potential center. Man, perfect Man, the only real Man, is God—the apex of the universe. Stop! Look upon yourself for one brief moment, you the reader of these lines! Divest yourself of preconceived ideas, and hear a statement of truth: You are a spirito-natural, human being; so likewise is God. You divide your time between residence in the spiritual spheres and the natural; so does God. At stated intervals you appear in a natural, objective body, disappearing after an interval again, into the invisible spiritual spheres; so does God. One difference between an animal man and a divine Man is that in the case of the animal man there are continual breaks in the continuity of his life and consciousness through recurring deaths, in which memory lapses from one embodiment to another; whilst in the case of the divine Man, there is no break in the continuity of consciousness, for the reason that the divine Man does not experience corruptible dissolution, but passes *alive and conscious* from the natural into the spiritual spheres.

Another difference is that the time elapsing between the reappearances of the divine Man is so long that the animal man loses knowledge and memory of him. It is a part of the mission of Koreshanity to promulgate the truth about this all-important matter. The certainty of this truth we place upon a scientific basis. We submit the absolute demonstration of it. If the reader to whom this may come cannot comprehend the demonstration, so much the worse for him or her. There is life or death in the scales. You, reader, are the weigher. We promulgate the law of the attainment of this Immortal Life. Take your choice. Continue the life of the animal man, dying and being reborn in mortality; or obey the laws of immortal life and live. The chance or opportunity comes *once a year*—not our brief calendar year, but a Zodiacal year of 24,000 calendar years. The ranks of immortality are recruited periodically from among animal men.

Every mind in the universe is constantly the recipient of the thoughts of other minds.





## In The Editorial Perspective.

THE EDITOR.



MODERN SCIENCE AND THE BIBLE are widely known to be in conflict. Every conclusion of modern science stands as opposed to the plainest declarations of the men who wrote the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures. Of this there can be no question; from a comparison of the "scientific" text-books with the ancient Book of Texts, it is obvious to the most casual observer. The so called learned men of the world have been subjecting the Bible to the most merciless criticism. They conclude that it is old and out of date, and full of foolish statements; that it is unreliable in many ways, full of inaccuracies and blunders. The literature of "higher criticism" is an evidence of the fact that men of standing before the modern world of agnosticism, no longer endeavor to harmonize modern science and the Bible. They see in the Bible only legends and crude poetry, originating in a darker age than ours—when men lived in phases of barbarism. We could quote works of the most noted men of the day on this subject; they are expressions of an age of materialism, of infidelity. The most recent declarations are put forth by President Schurman, of Cornell University: "An educated man who would quote the Bible as an authority on any physical subject, would be an object of ridicule in the eyes of all educated hearers. Our Bible is but the mould into which was poured the fundamental principles of religion. Its facts are not history as they have been considered for the past nineteen centuries. Indeed, there is no history in the Bible, for the Hebrews never wrote history. The Bible can no longer be considered a text-book of science. It seems strange to us that men should ever have considered it as such." Yet, President Schurman would have his students believe in what he terms the doctrines of Christ. The old Book tells him of the marvelous character of Jesus of Nazareth; and he affects to believe what the Bible says concerning him. His only source of information on the subject of the work and character of Jesus is the Bible. He selects portions of the Book as being in a measure true; he rejects as unreliable that which he does not wish to believe. He never stops to question the basis upon which modern science stands. He turns from the wisdom of the ages to accept the mere hypotheses of yesterday and the speculations of today. He sees no authority in the Bible on scientific subjects; but he presumes to see authority in the undemonstrated conclusions of modern agnostics. He voices the sentiments of modern Christianity. The Almighty, according to leaders of modern Christian thought, took great pains to inspire expressions concerning spiritual truths, moral truths; but when he came to say anything about astronomy, zoölogy, or geology, or about human origin and destiny, the Deity grew careless and made statements which would not stand the test of the scrutiny of twentieth century agnosticism. Koreshanity takes the position that modern science, *not the Bible*, is false. Surely, the chemistry of yesterday will not harmonize with the very latest discoveries in lines of radio-activity. It is said that the discoveries relative to radium and helium are destined to overturn all modern

conclusions. The most eminent chemists now admit that the old system of chemistry is not true. This is what advocates of Koreshanity have said for many years before the discovery of radium. Modern science is false, for can that be true which is constantly shifting from premise to premise? Can that be safe which is built upon an uncertain and sinking foundation? Can agnosticism produce absolute knowledge? If so, perhaps modern science may be true, and may be accepted as authority. The world is not satisfied with modern science. There is a looking for something new; the world assumes the attitude of expectancy, because modern science has satisfied neither the human intellect nor the human heart. The greatest problems and issues of the hour have not been solved by the scientists. They are "wise men," whose wisdom and knowledge yield the race no lasting good. It is the wisdom that is to be turned backward; it is the knowledge that shall be made foolishness by the only System in the world today that scientifically defends the Bible against the attacks of agnosticism.

Appendicitis is threatened with a formidable rival. As a source of trouble and the seat of origin of a number of diseases, the vermiform appendix has been the subject of speculation and dangerous experiment. The physicians reached the conclusion that they could not even guess what it was good for; and to show their wisdom, the results of years of ignorant research, they declared that the useless organ must be cut out, even though it killed the patient. But the appendix continues to be printed in all the most recent editions of the *genus homo*. It is natural to feel that when a tooth is aching, the difficulty may be terminated by a visit to the dentist's office. Amputation of limbs is sometimes resorted to to save the life of the remaining portions of the body. So the habit of cutting up the human anatomy has developed into a number of forms of fads—of which expensive surgical operation for appendicitis is one. A new fad, a formidable rival of appendicitis, has developed; and social distinction may now depend upon the adoption of the new idea. It seems now that the great source of danger is not low down in the alimentary tract, but at the beginning of it. The rendezvous of such microscopical monsters as the staphylococci, streptococci, and pneumococci, has at last been discovered, and the house is doomed. They reside in the twelve or fifteen mansions of the *amygdalæ*, fine resorts situated on both sides of the narrow isthmus of the faucal opening; in other words, these monsters find lodging in the tonsils of the throat. An English lady has declared war on the citadel of human troubles. She has already performed a hundred operations, actually cutting out the tonsils; and makes a plea for the general removal of the tonsils, so that the human race may be immune from attacks of dangerous diseases. She has published a list of troubles finding origin in the inhabitants of the tonsil apartments, and says: "If this disgusting category be not enough to secure the deep damnation and



the taking out of every tonsil in the young throat, it may be added that it is the commonest cause of mouth-breathing and mental dullness among children." Upon the basis of the recommendation of this trans-Atlantic physician, American doctors are accepting and adopting the fad, and may now endeavor to secure such legislation as will enable them to reap a harvest of dollars by cutting out the offending almonds of the throat. With anti-toxin, vaccination virus, the surgeon's knife for the vermiform appendix, the pruning shears for the tonsils, the clippers for the troublesome stomach and disordered liver, and the saw for the various limbs of the human tree, man should finally become so inoculated, poisoned, and reduced in form and size, and made to conform to such simplicity of vital action and mechanical motion, as to resist all attacks of the various bacteria, which modern physicians gravely inform us threaten the very existence of the human race!

The character of George Washington is in some way brought to the attention of the American people every recurring anniversary of his birth—February 22. He stands out prominently in American history because of his successful and illustrious career as hero, patriot, and statesman. He was the Father of the nation, the leader of the Revolution against the British, and the unanimous choice of the people of the new independent government. The life of Washington demonstrates the possibility of great achievement without the polish of so called education. Washington was brought up in poverty. He was left fatherless at the age of eleven, in the sole care of his mother. His education was limited to the common school branches. He took up surveying; and at the age of sixteen he was sent by his uncle to survey a tract of land on the south Potomac. Between Washington and Lincoln there is a similarity, and yet a striking contrast. Each was destined to perform a high mission for his countrymen. They were both great, and true to their calling. The character and career of Washington constitute a standing rebuke to numerous advocates of ultra-democracy and the undesirable peace of inactivity. Washington was an imperialist, an autocrat, not a democrat. American democracy originated in Jefferson, in opposition to the policies of Washington. Washington was "*first in war, first in peace, and first in the hearts of his countrymen;*" and the great Lincoln deemed it his duty to undertake to preserve the Union through force of arms. Recent words of President Roosevelt remind us of Washington and Lincoln: "Armed, seek peace." When the democratic press had so much to say in the last campaign about the "big stick," it forgot all about the achievements of the greatest and most illustrious Americans. Only a coward would seek peace at the expense of principles at stake. In the future the world will delight to point to the fact that many great Americans became illustrious on the pages of history, either without so called education, or in spite of it; and they will point with emphasis to the fact that genius is free, ever refusing to follow in beaten paths or to drift with the popular current.

An astronomical writer has recently said: "For some years past it has become more and more evident to astrono-

mers that the secret of the constitution of the starry heavens is to be sought in the Milky Way." It is thought that the very cream of the subject of the universe may be discovered in the great Galaxy. So the astronomers are going to skim over the field with a newly invented photographic-telescope. The sweeping of the heavens with the visual instruments has been of no avail because, even at this late date, they have not discovered the secret of the constitution of the starry heavens. The kind of astronomy that does not at once reveal the law of the stars, according to the meaning of the word astronomy, must indeed be a very poor kind of science—and astronomers have been at work on the problem for many centuries. Knowledge of the form and function is sought in modern astronomy as the ultimate of research. In the Koreshan System, the form and function of the universe constitute the premise of all rational conclusion and exploration in the domains of being and existence. Start right, and the way of reason is not difficult. Begin with a false premise, and the whole universe becomes a mystic maze which bewilders the investigator more and more at every step and turn.

Someone of scientific standing has said that "A change has come over our universities. They have become something more than a teacher or deliverer of truth." One might wonder what it could be that they have now become; something greater than a teacher, perhaps. They have made a discovery. The world is looking for great discoveries. It has long desired some one to discover the key to the solution of all great problems. If the universities have discovered this key, all praise to them! But they have in reality discovered that there is still more truth to be found. "The university is leading the way always toward the undiscovered truth." "The university is therefore not only a teacher of truth, but it is a truth-seeker." What an anomalous thing the modern university must be, indeed! A teacher of truth, yet a searcher for it! A peasant could soon become a noted millionaire philanthropist on the same basis. He could give to the poor the millions of dollars which he himself neither possesses nor controls. Has it truly come to pass that a university can give out that which it does not contain? Let the world take the universities at their word. They are merely "searching for truth;" therefore, they do not possess it.

A writer notes that the university inspires hopefulness and contributes to the ethical problem. Not, surely, to its solution! The university inspires hopefulness in what? Confidence in the future, it is said. "Can there be a greater service to mankind than that of establishing good ground for being hopeful—hopeful for mankind, hopeful for the universe?" The kind of hopefulness under consideration is that inspired by mere speculation as to what the future may contain for the world, on the basis that mankind and the universe may yet develop to a certain high state and stage of existence before the giant sun of the Copernican solar system burns out and leave the planets desolate! Such hopefulness is a mere shadow, a mere travesty on the genuine hope of the absolute truth.



# The Open Court of Inquiry.

THE EDITOR.

## The So Called Center of Gravity.

"A friend sometime since asked me a question, which I was unable to answer satisfactorily—namely, Where is the center of gravity? Will you kindly answer the same through THE FLAMING SWORD?"

Since the time of Newton the scientific world has had a great deal to say concerning "gravitation" and the center of gravitation. But if we critically examine the Copernican or Newtonian system of astronomy we discover, from the basis of the so called Newtonian laws of gravitation and motion, that there could be in reality, no such thing as a universal center of gravity. The very principles of the Copernican solar system make impossible the conclusion that the universe itself has either center or circumference.

The moon is supposed to revolve about the earth. It is held that in order for the moon to maintain its place in space and its relation to the earth as a center of gravity, it must be constantly in motion at a given velocity and a given distance from the earth. In turn, the earth is supposed to revolve about the sun; and again, the sun revolves about another and a larger sun; and the larger sun around still another, and so on *ad infinitum*.

Hence, we maintain that in the Copernican system there can be no consistent conclusion that that which is called gravitation has any ultimate and absolute center. But there are supposed to be *centers* of gravitation, pulling in diverse and contrary directions, which would make as impossible the maintenance of motion in the universe, as the construction of a mechanical perpetual motion. Without center and circumference for the transmutation, exchange, and rebound of the active substances of the universe, there could be no such a thing as the conservation of energy. The mathematics of motion demands a central pivot of all momentum, a primary source of all impulse.

In the Koreshan System, there is no center toward which the lines of gravity tend, because the direction of gravity is *downward*, and downward is *outward* from the universal center. But there is a center in which the energies of

gravity are *generated*, and from which the energies of gravity proceed in the processes of their radiation. That center is the center of the cosmic cell in which we live. It is at the same time the center of levity—that is, the center toward which the lines of ascending energies tend—energies that rebound through use and metamorphosis, from the universal circumference or the material shell of the earth. The constant exchange of the forces of levity and gravity maintain supplies of substance for both the center and the circumference of the cosmos. The origin of motion is not in mechanics, but in the interaction of spirit and matter, the relations of which are alchemical and vital.

## The Phenomena of Spiritism.

"According to the Koreshan idea no human spirit can exist outside the human organism, but that the spirit of the dying person enters the brain of another human body at death. How can you account for the phenomena seen and sounds heard at seances, etc.?"

The basis of all spiritual power is matter, for matter is the only continent of spiritual substance. Spirit has no power outside of matter; no function can be performed without form. This is the reason why a medium is essential at a seance. If spirit could act just the same without matter, there would be no necessity for the existence of matter. Spirit and matter are absolutely essential to each other, and are reducible from the one to the other. Spirit is potent because it acts through matter; and matter moves because it is energized by spiritual substances and forces.

A magnet generates an energy which reaches out in lines of radiation and moves iron and steel. Do tables tip at seances? Do bits of pencil move between slates and write words and sentences? They do; they are moved because there is present a spiritual magnet, a human being, the medium. It is not necessary to suppose that the spirits which produce these results fly around in the open air. They operate in and through the medium, who projects energies which move the table or

guide the pencil between the slates.

Materializations are sometimes seen at seances. Genuine materializations are the result of the transmutation and precipitation of spirit to its opposite state. Materializations take place from the mind—that is, the substances which materialize are projected into visibility through the processes of transformation of spirit to matter. But it must always take place through the function of a medium. The spirits which manifest their power at seances are in the minds of the persons present in the circle. Messages are given to the medium. The fact that the impressions are mental is a demonstration of the fact that the spirits are present in the mind. Our thoughts are spirits externalized. Thoughts are spiritual entities. There is a tendency of the modern world to treat spirit phenomena as being psychic—that is, of the soul. Such impression is derived from the Koreshan source. Spirit entities of the dead are in the present mortal beings. Spirits could not exist if not in direct touch with and constituting the factors in and of the very elements of human mentality and life. Hence, the source of phenomena of the seances is in the minds of those present, the medium constituting the focus of impression and spiritual activity, the pole of the temporary human battery.

## THE COMMUNISTIC LIFE.

### Incentive to Activity Among the Koreshans at Estero.

So much interest and inquiry have been aroused during the past few months concerning the town of Estero and its inhabitants, that it may be altogether appropriate to notice a few of the principles which underlie the communistic movement and actuate its people in lines and modes of life differing radically from the ordinary. At the outset it may be stated that the Koreshans neither claim nor form any affiliation with any phase or form of anarchy nor "free-love-ism," nor any other movement or conception which either openly or subtly disregards constitutional government and the principles of high moral character and progress.



It is held that the principle of competition which actuates the world generally, is in and of itself wholly wrong, and not compatible with the fellowship of a true brotherhood; and therefore a mode of economic life embodying principles opposed to competition, is adopted and followed by the Koreshan Unity. Their movement is not new in point of time; their doctrines were first proclaimed thirty-five years ago; and their communistic homes and orders have been in continuous existence and activity for sixteen years. The movement has grown steadily, though not rapidly, until today the influence of the movement is far greater than ever before.

It is perhaps not without some show of reason that these people maintain their position regarding communism. Without question, the greatest and most marked influence that has moved upon the world for the past 2,000 years, is Christianity. According to the Acts of the Apostles, the Christians of the primitive church introduced a phase of communism, which means simply the holding of properties in common by an organization or collective body. The Koreshans claim that in the practice of true communism, the very acme of unselfishness is developed and manifest—and that it should be so in a unity of true religious sentiment and power.

Without doubt, man is a highly organized social and religious being. He develops the more rapidly as he comes in closer touch with a greater number of his fellows on lines of endeavor to attain high ideals. No one is ever harmed by endeavoring to rise in the scale of progress. If we were asked to answer in a word as to what is the Koreshan ideal or standard of excellence, we should say—perfection, which necessitates and involves purity of life and character. The standard of perfection and purity held up by these peculiar people at Estero, is the virgin life of Jesus the Christ who, the Koreshans hold, demonstrated the utility of celibacy and founded the communistic orders of primitive Christianity.

The effort of DR. TEED, the founder of the Koreshan System, its communistic orders, and Town of Estero, is to inculcate such principles as will lift the mind above the sensualism which widely prevails; and to so apply those principles as to refine the character and purify the life—not through miracles, but through united strenuous effort. Many of the people who have been associated with him for many years, are the most devoted to the Koreshan principles and most earnest in living the communistic life.

A marked characteristic of the Koreshans at Estero is their hospitality. In this they resemble the ancient Hebrews, the primitive Christians, the Waldenses of medieval days, and the Shakers of modern times. The Koreshan Unity is founded upon a deep religious conception. It does not owe its existence to any spirit of money-making; therefore the sordid elements of greed are at once eliminated. Therefore, the people believe in the principles of hospitality. This characteristic has been noted and commented on by many citizens of Lee County.

The Koreshan Unity seems to manifest many evidences and characteristics of integrity. Its people are earnest. They have come from nearly every state in the Union and principal nations of Europe. They are mostly from the common walks of life, but withal, are representative citizens. As the work and walk of these people become more intimately known they will be yet more highly respected—as a people of whom Lee County need not be ashamed. Nature and opportunity have given the Koreshans a hearty welcome in South Florida; and if they are true to their good beginning they will doubtless be welcomed as heartily by the people of the County and State.—VERITAS, in Ft. Myers (Fla.) Press, Jan. 26, 1905.

### THE CAMPAIGN OF 1905.

Extracts From Letters of Friends who are Nobly Responding to Our Call.

"I Will Help."

"I postponed the writing of this letter until I thought the majority had written and the 'rush' subsided. Yes, I will help ignite the dynamite of truth. I have been conducting a private campaign, but without any results to show up as yet, as you are possibly aware. My efforts will be chiefly in the way of inducing people to read THE SWORD as heretofore. I seem to be surrounded by very poor soil: Atheists, materialists, rabbonists, chart constructors, women haters, spiritualists—also believers in Russellism, holiness, etc. However, I shall not neglect to speak a word for Koreshanity when I can do so effectively and with propriety."—\* \* \*. New York.

"Thinking About it Before."

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"If you have some good numbers of THE SWORD to hand out to people to interest them, I would like them. Any number seems nice to me, but you might make a better selection than I. I may not get many subscribers, as I go out very little; but I do meet some people who are ready to hear a few words, and to them I hand out reading matter. If I can in this way bring them some light outside the old ruts, I shall be very glad."—S. C. STREETER, Florida.

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Reports say that difficulties have arisen between Generals Kouropatkin and Gripenberg, of the Russian army at Mukden, and that Kouropatkin demanded Gripenberg's recall, which was made by the Czar in compliance with the demand. Gripenberg has left Mukden for St. Petersburg.

The Procurator-general of Finland, was assassinated last week at his home in Helsingfors, by a young man probably actuated by political motives. The assassination is looked upon as the probable precursor of an era of terrorism in the Czar's domain.

The strikes in Russia have not yet been settled. Trouble has broken out afresh at Lodz, Poland. At Warsaw 15,000 strikers attempted to reach the Warsaw station, but were turned back by Cossacks.

The coal strike in Germany continues; hope of settlement is now deferred by refusal of the mine owners to treat with representatives of the miners.

#### Happenings in America.

The nation is rallying to the support of the President in his fight for government control and regulation of railroad rates. Reports come from many states that the legislatures are adopting resolutions favoring the plan and instructing their senators and representatives in Congress to support a measure that will prevent oppression by the railroad corporations.

Insurrection has broken out at Buenos Ayres, and a state of siege of the city is proclaimed by the Argentine government. The national guard is ordered mobilized. The rebels sack national bank at Buenos Ayers and seize \$300,000.

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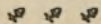
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Senator Dillingham, of Massachusetts, asks Congress to pension Mrs. Estera Damon, the last surviving widow of the Revolution war.

List of creditors of Mrs. Chadwick is filed by a receiver at Cleveland. The debts aggregate \$2,000,000.

Hostility on the part of southern senators is said to make the fate of arbitration treaties doubtful.

The President declines to pardon the Groffs, convicted in connection with the postal frauds.



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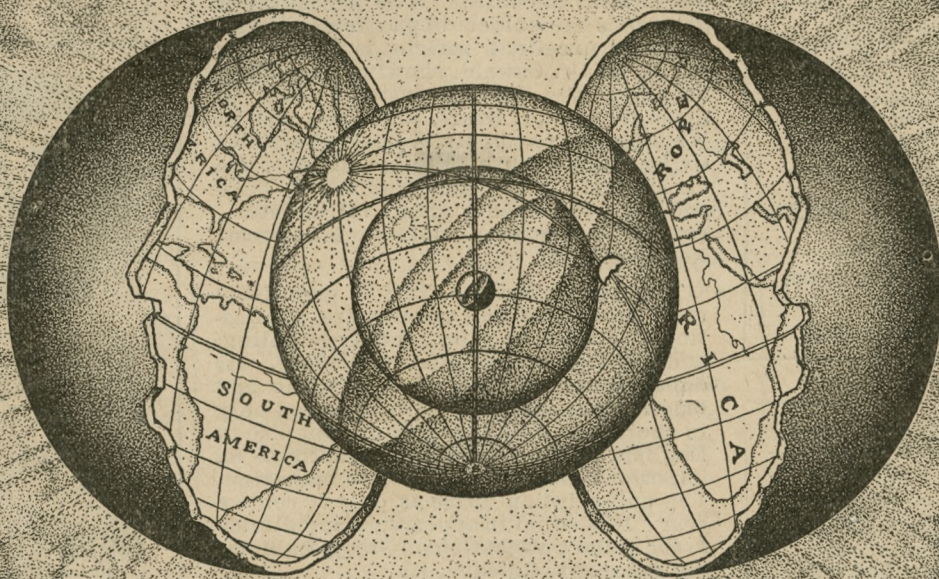
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